GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
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SCHEMES FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) The criteria for allocating funds for Rural Development under Centrally Sponsored Scheme, State-wise;

(b) whether some State Governments are not very serious about implementing various rural development programmes;

(c) if so, the details thereof; State-wise;

(d) the names of States, which have not so far utilised the amount released for the Rural Development Programmes to them by the Union Government;

(e) the reaction of the Government thereto;

(f) whether any special grants have been released to cyclone affected areas during 1999-2000;
(g) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
(h) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to remove regional imbalances in the Rural Development?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUNDAR LAL PATWA)

(a) The criteria for allocating funds to States for major Rural Development Programmes are as given below:

S.No.	Name of the Programme/ Scheme	Criteria for Allocation
1	Jawahar Gram Samridhi Yojana (JGSY)	Incidence of poverty in the States.
2	Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana	Incidence of poverty in the States.
3	Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS)	Ratio of rural poor population in a State to the total rural poor in the country.
4	Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY)	Poverty ratio and housing shortage (weightage being 50:50).
5	National Social Assistance Programme	On the basis of mainly poverty ratios and proportion of target group in total projected population.
6	Accelerated Rural Water Supply Prog	40% weightage given for rural population, 35% to the States under Desert Development Programme, Drought Prone Areas Programme, Hill Area Development Programme and special category hill States in terms of rural areas, 10% to Not Covered/Partially Covered villages (at 2:1 ratio), 5% to quality affected villages and 10% to overall water resource availability (un-irrigated over irrigated area)
7	Central Rural Sanitation Programme	45% weightage given to incidence of poverty in the States, 45% weightage given to rural population and 10% weightage given to the North Eastern States.

(b) : No, Sir.

(c) : Question does not arise.

(d) : A Statement showing Central releases, funds available and utilisation under the Rural Development Programmes for the years 1998-99 and 1999-2000 is given at the Annexure.

(e) : In order to encourage States to achieve better utilisation of funds, the permissible limit of opening balance has been brought down from 20% (in 1999-2000) to 15% (in 2000-2001) of the allocation for the respective year.

(f) & (g) : During 1999-2000 the Centre has made additional releases, amounting to Rs. 125.50 crore, to cyclone affected Districts of Orissa, for implementation of Jawahar Gram Samridhi Yojana (JGSY), Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY), Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY), Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS), National Old Age Pension Scheme (NOAPS) and National Family Benefit Scheme (NFBS).

(h): Government have formulated various schemes and allocation criteria have been fixed taking into consideration the need for removing regional imbalances in rural development.